

IN THE CLAIMS:

Kindly ~~amend~~ claims ~~1-12~~ as follows:

1. (Amended) A computer user interface for creating a printing template, comprising:

a display monitor having an image displaying area for displaying an image, and an item displaying area for displaying printing items in a list;

drag-and-drop means for enabling a user to drag-and-drop an item from the item displaying area to a desired position within the image displaying area where an image is displayed so that the selected item is displayed in the image;

means for attaching the dropped item to the end of an existing item and recognizing both items as information belonging to the same group when the existing item is at the same position as the dropped item; and

group editing means for performing group editing of items in the same group.

2. (Amended) A user interface for creating a printing template according to claim 1; wherein the means for performing group editing performs character position alignment of the first characters or digits of displayed information.

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3. (Amended) A user interface for creating a printing template according to claim 1; wherein the means for performing group editing performs editing of display attributes including font type, font and color.

4. (Amended) A user interface for creating a printing template according to claim 1; wherein the means for performing group editing performs position adjustment of grouped items.

5. (Amended) A user interface for creating a printing template according to claim 1; wherein the displayed image is a report of analysis results, and the listed items include a title and contents of analysis conditions.

6. (Amended) A user interface for creating a printing template according to claim 2; wherein the displayed image is a report of analysis results, and the listed items include a title and contents of analysis conditions.

7. (Amended) A user interface for creating a printing template according to claim 3; wherein the displayed image is a report of analysis results, and the listed items include a title and contents of analysis conditions.

8. (Amended) A user interface for creating a printing template according to claim 4; wherein the displayed

image is a report of analysis results, and the listed items include a title and contents of analysis conditions.

9. (Amended) A user interface for creating a printing template according to claim 5; wherein the group editing means performs character position alignment of the positions of the first characters of the printing items.

10. (Amended) A user interface for creating a printing template according to claim 6; wherein the group editing means performs character position alignment of the positions of the first characters of the printing items.

11. (Amended) A user interface for creating a printing template according to claim 7; wherein the group editing means performs character position alignment of the positions of the first characters of the printing items.

12. (Amended) A user interface for creating a printing template according to claim 8; wherein the group editing means performs character position alignment of the positions of the first characters of the printing items.

Kindly add the following new claims 13-19:

13. A user interface for a sample analyzer having a computer, comprising:

a video screen connected to the computer and having an image displaying area for displaying an image of sample characteristics, and an item displaying area for displaying an item list of individually selectable items for which an image of sample characteristics is displayable in the image displaying area;

drag-and-drop means for enabling a user to drag-and-drop items from the item list onto the image displaying area using an input device connected to the computer;

means for appending a dropped item onto an end of an existing item and recognizing both items as belonging to the same group when the existing item is located at the same position as the dropped item; and

group editing means for performing group editing of items of the same group.

14. A user interface for a sample analyzer according to claim 13; wherein the selectable items for which sample characteristics are displayable comprise one or more characteristics of the sample for producing a graphical representation in the image displaying area and one or more

descriptive parameters relating to the sample or an analysis performed on the sample.

15. A user interface for a sample analyzer according to claim 14; wherein the descriptive parameters include measurement parameters of an analyzed sample.

16. A user interface for a sample analyzer according to claim 14; wherein the descriptive parameters include a sample name and an analysis date.

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17. A user interface for a sample analyzer according to claim 14; further comprising a menu bar having a property menu selectable using the input device to enable display attributes of displayed information to be changed.

18. A user interface for a sample analyzer according to claim 17; wherein the display attributes include font and color.

19. A user interface for a sample analyzer according to claim 17; wherein the group editing means arranges displayed characteristics in alignment.

ADDITIONAL FEES:

No additional fees are believed required; however, should it be determined that a fee is due, authorization is